GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:116
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2000
ASSISTANCE TO STATE GOVERNMENTS FOR PRE COOLING AND COLD STORAGE PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been providing financial assistance to State Governments for establishment of pre-cooling and cold storage projects by cooperatives for storage of potatoes and other fruits and vegetables through NCDC;

(b) if so, the details of norms fixed in this regard;

(c) the total funds provided to Maharashtra for this purpose during the last three years and till date as compared to other States, year-wise;

(d) the achievements made in regard to establishment of pre-cooling and cold storages in Maharashtra during the above period;

(e) whether the Government have monitored the proper utilization of central funds; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.116 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27T NOVEMBER, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): NCDC provides 90% of the total block cost to the State Government in theshape of 65% as loan and 25% as subsidy received from Government of India. The balance 10% is to be met by the beneficiary societies. Currently, NCDC has alsodovetailed this scheme with other scheme of Government of India relating to back- ended capital subsidy for setting up cold storage facilities by cooperatives. Assistance for rehabilitation/modernisation of cooperative storages is also being provided by NCDC.

(c): (Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Other States	Maharashtra
1997-98	574.56	-
1998-99	269.57	-
1999-2000	1137.90	-
Till date (upto 31.3.2000)	10429.85	1715.96

(d): Of the total sanctioned 32 pre-cooling-cum-cold storage units, 25 units have been completed and others are under construction. 2 potato cold storages are also installed.

(e)&(f): NCDC has been monitoring the implementation of sanctioned projectsthrough field inspections, State level monitoring committee and quarterly progress reports received at Regional Office/Head Office.